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 he promised that he would give it to him for a possession,   
 and to his seed after him, when [44s yet] he had no child.   
 6 And God spake on this wise, \* That his seed should ¢ Gen.xv.13,   
 sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring   
 them into bondage, and entreat them evil ‘four hundred £ Exod, 4,   
   
   
 7 And the nation to whom they shall be in   
 years.   
 bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they   
 come forth, and &\* serve me in this place. 8 And he gave & Exod. 12.   
 him the covenant of cireumeision: ‘and so Abraham begat ;¢°."s1.9 9,   
 Isaac, and cireumcised him the eighth day; \* and Isaac xen. xv. 20.   
 begat Jacob; and 'Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs. !Gen-xix.m,   
   
 9™ And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into ix st 5,   
 Egypt: ®§dué God was with him, !and delivered him "4, xxxv.   
 out of all his afflictions, °and gave him favour and wisdom ” 33   
 in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him ° sis.   
 governor over Egypt and all his house. 3.   
 xii,   
 11 P Now there pcen.xu.54,   
 came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan,   
 and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.   
 124 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, a4en.21.1.   
 he sent out our fathers first, 13tand at the second time rcen.av.s,   
 Joseph was made known to his brethren: and Joseph’s   
   
   
 kindred was made known unto Pharaoh. 1#\* Then sent sgen.2iv.9,   
 Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and tall his tcen.xvi,   
 kindred, threescore and fifteen souls. 276   
 15% So Jacob went ucen. sivi.s.   
   
 4 not expressed in the original. ¥ render, worship.   
 8 render, and.   
   
 history. The field which Abraham bought ver. 8. 80, i. e. in this new covenant   
 for the burial of his dead surely did not state ;’—or, ‘in fulfilment of the of   
 comeunder the description of inheritance, seed ituplied in the above words.’ In this   
 nor give him any standing as a possessor in word so lies hid germ of the subsequent.   
 the land. 6, 7.] A free citation from teaching of the Holy Spirit by St. Paul,   
 the LXX, with the words, “and they shall Gal. iii. 9.] Here we have the first   
 worship me in this place,” adapted and hint of the rebellious spirit Israel,   
 added from Exod. iii. 12. The shifts of the progress of the history brings out.   
 some commentators to avoid this plain fact: 10.] Observe the simple coupling of the   
 are not worth recounting: but again, the clauses by and, as characteristic of this   
 student who would not handle the word of speech. favour and wisdom] favour,   
 God deceitfully should be here and every so that he was acceptable to Pharaoh (see   
 where on his guard against them.—The reff.) : and wisdom, so that Pharaoh con-   
 round number, 400 years, given here and sulted him, and followed his suggestion,   
 in Genesis, is further specified Exod. xii. especially in the important case recorded   
 40, as 480. (See Gal. iti. and note.) Gen. xh. 38. he made him] viz.   
 7.] said God is inserted by Stephen Pharaoh: a change of subject. 14,   
 in passing from the narrative form (“ his threescore and fifteen Inthe Hebrew   
 seed”) into the direct (“ Iwill judge”). text, Gen. xlvi. 27; Exod. i. 5; Deut. x.   
 8.] On the institution of cireum- 22, seventy souls are reckoned, viz. sixty-   
 cision, it called a “ covenant,” Gen. xvii. six born of Jacob, Jacob himself, Joseph,   
 10, and the immediate promise of that and his two sons born in Egypt. So also   
 covenant is contained in the same chapter, Josephus, But the LXX, whom Stephen